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Death rates (annual basis) per 100,000 persons exposed, for principal causes, compared by color, for the last quarters of the years 1919, 1920, and 1921.

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000 persons exposed.					
	White.			Colored.		
	Oct.-Dec., 1921.	Oct.-Dec., 1920.	Oct.-Dec., 1919.	Oct.-Dec., 1921.	Oct.-Dec., 1920.	Oct.-Dec., 1919.
All causes of death.....	752.4	771.9	781.3	1,262.8	1,303.7	1,305.3
Typhoid fever.....	6.4	7.5	6.9	16.7	14.6	18.2
Measles.....	.8	2.7	2.8	.5	.3	.5
Scarlet fever.....	5.4	7.1	4.8	.7	1.3	1.1
Whooping cough.....	1.3	3.8	2.5	2.1	6.3	2.9
Diphtheria and croup.....	32.0	32.2	33.2	17.2	9.3	10.7
Influenza.....	5.3	5.5	9.8	12.2	14.1	18.2
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	81.0	97.2	106.2	233.8	259.9	281.2
Tuberculosis of lungs.....	73.2	87.2	95.8	214.7	235.3	259.3
Tuberculous meningitis.....	2.9	4.8	5.1	4.5	6.8	6.7
Other forms of tuberculosis.....	5.0	5.3	5.4	14.6	17.8	15.2
Meningitis (total).....	4.4	3.9	5.3	5.3	3.3	4.3
Cerebral hemorrhage; apoplexy.....	58.4	53.5	53.3	92.2	92.2	90.5
Organic diseases of heart.....	107.2	97.6	95.5	166.5	152.2	154.6
Total respiratory diseases.....	66.7	66.7	70.5	119.4	115.3	118.3
Bronchitis.....	5.7	5.6	6.6	9.3	10.8	10.1
Bronchopneumonia.....	19.6	20.5	21.7	28.2	25.9	25.6
Pneumonia (lobar and undefined).....	33.6	33.0	34.8	69.5	67.3	71.8
Other diseases of respiratory system.....	7.9	7.7	7.5	12.4	11.8	10.7
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	12.3	15.9	15.9	10.5	17.1	17.9
Under 2 years.....	5.5	7.4	7.2	1.7	4.3	4.5
2 years and over.....	6.7	8.5	8.7	8.8	12.8	13.4
Nephritis and Bright's disease.....	65.3	64.0	67.4	124.7	123.5	124.4
Total puerperal state.....	15.2	15.7	14.9	24.8	27.9	26.7
Puerperal septicemia.....	5.8	6.1	4.6	8.6	14.8	13.1
Puerperal albuminuria and convulsions.....	3.9	4.0	4.5	8.4	5.3	6.4
Other diseases of puerperal state.....	5.4	5.6	5.8	8.1	7.8	7.2
Total external causes ¹	61.4	67.6	67.4	89.3	97.9	90.5
Suicides.....	7.3	6.6	4.9	6.4	3.0	5.6
Homicides.....	4.4	3.1	3.1	28.9	29.4	27.0
Accidental and unspecified violence ²	49.6	57.5	56.8	53.7	65.5	56.6
Accidental drowning.....	2.4	3.6	3.8	2.9	5.0	3.5
Automobile accidents.....	14.1	14.6	12.8	9.3	6.5	10.4
War deaths.....	.2	.3	2.6	.2	1.3
All other and ill-defined causes of deaths.....	229.1	231.1	225.0	346.8	368.9	345.3

¹ Includes "war deaths."

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CONFERENCE OF HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES WITH THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE TO BE HELD AT WASHINGTON, D. C., ON MAY 17 AND 18, 1922.

The Twentieth Annual Conference of State and Territorial Health Authorities with the United States Public Health Service will be held at Washington, D. C., on May 17 and 18, 1922.

It is expected that important State and National public health matters will be brought before the conference for action and the Surgeon General has urged that each State be represented by an official delegate and also that the chief sanitary engineers of the different States be present.